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In re application of: Minagawa, et al

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Application No.: 09/751,393

Examiner: McCartney, Linzy T.

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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SHADING OBJECT DRAWINGS IN VIDEO GAMES**

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AMENDMENT A

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This amendment and the enclosed remarks are submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (a version of the amended claims showing the changes made accompanies this response in an Appendix):

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~~1. (once amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for a video game, which draws an object in a virtual space, wherein said program is structured so as to make a computer perform: generating a dummy object of said object by duplicating said object; determining a first position of said object and a second position of said dummy object so that said dummy object thus generated is positioned behind said~~